

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at p. 24, line 3 ("PCR and Cloning: Mouse Growth Hormone (mGH) . . . ") with the following amended paragraph:

-- PCR and Cloning: Mouse Growth Hormone (mGH) and mouse CNP (mCNP) were isolated from a brain cDNA library by method of RT-PCR, using the following oligonucleotide primers (oligos):

Mouse Growth Hormone:

For: 5' TGG CAA TGG CTA CAG ACT CTC GG (SEQ ID NO: 72)

Rev: 5' GAA GGC ACA GCT GCT TTC CAC AA (SEQ ID NO: 73)

Mouse CNP:

For: 5' ACC CAA GCT TAT GCA CCT CTC CCA GC (SEQ ID NO: 74)

Rev: 5' CCA TCG ATC TAA CAT CCC AGA CCG (SEQ ID NO: 75)--